



## **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

### **Urban Transportation Commission**

#### **Recommendation Number 20200310-03A: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2045 Transportation Plan**

WHEREAS, The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan calls for Austin to reach a goal of 50% of Austinites commuting by walking, biking, transit, or any other non-drive-alone mode by 2039, from today's current 24% of Austinites using non-drive-alone modes; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan further reaffirms the Vision Zero goal the City of Austin set in 2016, to reach zero traffic fatalities by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Commission has set a goal of zero traffic fatalities by 2050 and cutting deaths in half by 2035; and

WHEREAS, Our current climate crisis calls for us to make changes to the way we live and plan our cities, and our pattern of continued sprawl and road construction is neither safe nor sustainable; and

WHEREAS, Continued patterns of sprawl and road construction are also not sustainable from a fiscal standpoint, as the TxDOT and federal highway budget crises continues to deepen; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin is in the process of revising our Land Development Code to allow more dense and equitable housing; and

WHEREAS, Capitol Metropolitan Transit Authority, through its Project Connect planning process is on the verge of approving a Locally Preferred Alternative that represents a generational, comprehensive transit plan; and

WHEREAS, The Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is in the process of creating its federally mandated 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, Over the years CAMPO has consistently underestimated urban housing and job growth and overestimated suburban housing and job growth; and

WHEREAS, The road construction dictated in CAMPO's 2040 RTP feeds into the 2045 modeling, predicting increased sprawl and exurban traffic, creating a negative feedback loop; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission urges CAMPO to:

- Adopt a regional Vision Zero goal to end regional traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2045;
- Ensure that the Project Connect Locally Preferred Alternative is included in the RTP;

- Plan for most of our region's job and people growth to occur within the City of Austin, and in consideration of the new Land Development Code adjust their model to add additional jobs and people in dense, walkable urban spaces.

Date of Approval: March 10, 2020

Record of the vote: 7-0 with Hennessey, Runas, Somers, and Wilfley absent

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Smith". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Emily Smith, Staff Liaison